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## **EARLY VOTING EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN RECORD NUMBERS**

*ROV Requests Voters' Patience With Long Lines This Weekend*

Registrar of Voters officials are expecting a record number of voters and long lines at their Kearny Mesa office this weekend.

To expedite the process, the Registrar of Voters recommends that voters fill out your absentee ballot application on the back of the sample ballot pamphlet. That information will be used by the Registrar's staff to issue your ballot.

"The turnout for early voting has been phenomenal and we plan on having thousands of people here to cast their ballots early this weekend," said Sally McPherson, County Registrar of Voters. "We will address everyone's needs in a timely manner but it helps if voters know to expect large crowds and long lines."

This year, the Registrar of Voters has handled nearly twice as many early voters as the last presidential election in 2000. Even then, the number of voters was at an all-time high.

The Registrar of Voters' office is open from 8am-5pm both Saturday and Sunday. The phone bank will be open to answer the public's questions during those same hours.

To reach the phone bank, call (858) 565-5800.

**Helpful Voting Hint:** On Election Day, there could also be long lines at the polls. To avoid lines, mark your sample ballot before going. The best hours to go are between 9am-11am and 1pm-5pm.

**\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SUNDAY'S HOURS REFLECT THE END OF "DAYLIGHT SAVING'S TIME."\*\*\*\*\***

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